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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FOR LOS ANGELES RIVER,
COMPTON CREEK, AND CENTINELA CREEK
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this additional contract work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve supplementing Contract No. 74043 entitled "Landscape Maintenance for Los Angeles River, Compton Creek, and Centinela Creek."
3. Authorize Public Works to encumber an additional annual amount of \$115,000 to increase the current, as well as second and final optional years' not-to-exceed amount from \$279,700 to \$394,700. Funds are available in the 2003-04 Flood Control District Fund.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 18, 2002, Synopsis 63, your Board awarded Contract No. 74043 to United Pacific Services, Inc., to provide landscaping services along the Los Angeles River, Compton Creek, and Centinela Creek. The contract is part of Public Works' commitment to beautify and maintain Flood Control District rights of way. An annual

supplement of \$115,000 for the current and second and final optional years' not-to-exceed amount is necessary to cover contingent costs. Because of rapid weed growth in the rights of way, a second annual cutting has been found necessary at the contract price of \$64,000. Also, a higher degree of vandalism than initially anticipated to the sprinkler system in the service area that must be repaired at an estimated additional cost of \$51,000, based on contractual hourly rates. We request the same amount for the following final contract year assuming vandalism incidents continue. This additional work is authorized by the contract, but funding was not requested at the time the contract was initially approved because of its contingent nature.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Organizational Effectiveness and Children and Families' Well-Being. This supplement will continue to improve internal operations through the utilization of this contractor's expertise to effectively provide landscaping services in a timely and responsive manner, as well as improve the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The existing contract for these landscaping services is for an annual amount not to exceed \$279,700. The supplement would add \$115,000, increasing the contract's annual amount to \$394,700. Funds are available in the 2003-04 Flood Control District Fund. There will be no impact on net County costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of the contract will remain unchanged.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

With respect to the requirements of the CEQA, the additional services to be provided are categorically exempt as specified in Class 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will not result in any impact on other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel